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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION ISSUED ITS FINAL REPORT, THE FBI TOLD THE PANEL IT HAD FOUND NO DIRECT LINK BETWEEN LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND CUBA, DOCUMENTS RELEASED WEDNESDAY SHOWED.

J. EDGAR HOOVER, IN A 1964 MEMO SUMARIZING THE FBI PROBE OF JOHN KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION, SAID OSWALD COULD NOT BE LINKED TO FIDEL CASTRO'S GOVERNMENT, TO GROUPS TRYING TO OVERTHROW CASTRO, OR TO ANY SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.

IN A PRIVATE NOTE FOR FBI FILES ONLY THAT WAS ATTACHED TO THE LETTER, HOOVER SAID: "WE HAVE LEFT NO STONE UNTURNED IN THIS PARTICULAR PHASE OF OUR INVESTIGATION AND HAVE FURNISHED THE COMMISSION ALL OF OUR INVESTIGATION IN ORDER THAT IT CAN ARRIVE AT ITS CONCLUSIONS IN THIS MATTER."

THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION THAT THE FBI WITHHELD EVIDENCE FROM THE WARREN COMMISSION ON OSWALD'S CUBAN ACTIVITIES.

BUT HOOVER TOLD WARREN COMMISSION CHIEF COUNSEL J. LEE RANKIN THE BUREAU'S INVESTIGATION, PLUS A COMPLETE SEARCH OF FBI FILES ON OSWALD'S ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION, FOUND:

--HE WAS NEVER A MEMBER OF OR ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY, THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY "OR ANY OTHER EXTREME LEFTIST ORGANIZATION."

--HE HAS NEVER ASSOCIATED WITH ANY "REPRESENTATIVE OR SYMPATHIZER" OF THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT.

--HE NEVER HAD ANY CONTACTS WITH PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS "ACTIVE IN UNDERGROUND ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST" THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT.

THE LETTER SAID ALL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF THESE LINKS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE COMMISSION.

DURING ITS INVESTIGATION OF A POSSIBLE OSWALD-CUBA CONNECTION, THE FBI SIFTED THROUGH A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING SEVERAL LETTERS THAT THE BUREAU CONCLUDED WERE A HOAX.

ONE SUCH LETTER SENT TO THE VOICE OF AMERICA SHORTLY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION WAS SIGNED BY A MIGUEL GABAN LOPEZ WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A CUBAN CITIZEN.

THE LETTER, POSTMARKED FROM HAVANA, SAID A MYSTERY WOMAN WHO DATED AN AGENT OF FIDEL CASTRO MIGHT BE ABLE TO DISCLOSE NEW INFORMATION ON THE KILLING AFTER SHE RECOVERED FROM A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN.

"AS SOON AS THIS LADY LEAVES THE COUNTRY -- IN FACT, SHE IS SUFFERING FROM A SERIOUS NERVOUS BREAKDOWN -- SHE WILL GO TO ONE OF THE COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AMERICA CLANDESTINELY IN ORDER TO AVOID BEING DETAINED BY THE CASTRO POLICE," LOPEZ SAID.

"LET US HOPE, THEN, THAT THE LADY IN QUESTION LEAVES CUBA IN ORDER TO LEARN FROM HER OWN VOICE EVERYTHING CONNECTED WITH THIS MONSTROUS EVENT IN WHICH PRESIDENT KENNEDY LOST HIS LIFE."

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